

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
BUDGET WORKSHOP 6:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a budget workshop on Thursday, September 1, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., in the County Commission Chambers at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

PRESENT: Commissioner Sellars, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Riddick, and Commissioner Chandler. (Chairman Lewis was absent.)

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Carter, County Manager; Rachel Rhoden, Deputy County Manager; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Ray Norman, Clerk; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Dean Bennett, Facility Maintenance Director; Allen Parrish, Emergency Medical Services Director; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Mark Crawford, Press; Bennie Jackson, Solid Waste Director; and Capt. Thompson.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairman Riddick called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Riddick announced that Commissioner Lewis would not be able to attend as his return from out of town is delayed due to the weather conditions.

At the request of Mr. Carter, Emergency Management Director, Brian Johns provided an update regarding Hurricane Hermine. In relation to the hurricane, the following items were discussed:

- Rainfall amounts
 - Declaration of Local State of Emergency by the Emergency Management Director (To be ratified at the September 6 regular meeting.)
 - Courthouse and all non-essential BOCC offices are closed tomorrow. All schools are closed.
 - Road Department working skeleton crew tomorrow and possibly Saturday.
 - Emergency Shelters
 - EMS Staffing increased
 - Collection Sites
 - Sheriff's Office staffing increased
- _____

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Mr. Farrell distributed copies of a [spreadsheet](#) to assist with discussion regarding the 2016-2017 budget. He advised that although the intent was to keep the 2016-2017 budget as close to the current budget as possible, there is an increase \$3.4 million. However, items such as increases in health insurance costs and retirement rates make it impossible to keep the budget the same.

Mr. Farrell began a review of the spreadsheet, explaining the reasons for increases/decreases in each department and/or fund. Items discussed were not limited to, but included:

- Salary and Benefit Increases
- Health Insurance
- Operational Costs
- Capital Costs
- Fiscally Constrained Funds
- Increase in Grants
- Transfer Increases
- Fine & Forfeiture Fund Increase

Incited by inquiry of Mr. Crawford, Mr. Farrell advised that \$14.2 million of fund balance was used to balance the 2016-2017 budget.

Discussion continued:

- Revenue Projections
- Driver Education Funds
- Purchase of Zipper for the Road Department
- Repaving of Roads Around the Courthouse

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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EDDIE J. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved by BOCC at the Regular Scheduled Meeting of _____.